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Young Men's Mutual Improvement Society.

"THE GOULD STREET YOUNG MEN'S MUTUAL IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY" enacts the following Rules and Regulations:—

SECTION I.

GENERAL LAWS.

1.—The object of the Society shall be, the Mutual Improvement of the Members by debating of Questions, reading of Essays, Conversations on useful topics, and by a Magazine to be contributed to by the members.

2.—The Society shall hold weekly Meetings in the basement of Gould Street U. P. Church, on Monday evenings at 7.30, commencing on the first Monday of October, and ending with March.

3.—No alteration in the Laws shall be made, except at the second meeting of the Session, which shall be the Annual General Meeting, and that with the consent of two-thirds of the members present, and notice of such alteration shall be given at the preceding meeting.

4.—All Papers read before the Society shall be considered the property of the Society.

SECTION II.

MEMBERS.

The Society shall consist of Ordinary, Honorary, and Corresponding Members.

I.—*Ordinary Members.*

1.—Any person desirous of becoming a member shall be proposed by a written recommendation, signed by a member, and read in open meeting.

2.—The election shall take place at the Meeting following such recommendation.

3.—Every ordinary member shall, before taking any part in the business of the Society, subscribe to the Laws, and pay an admission fee of fifty cents, and afterwards such further sum as may be imposed by the vote of an ordinary meeting.

4.—No ordinary member shall be entitled to vote or take part in the business of the Society while any such contribution remains unpaid.

II.—*Honorary Members.*

5.—Honorary Members shall be such persons as may be thought deserving of the honour by the Society.

6.—Honorary Members shall be proposed by a written motion signed by two members, handed to the Secretary, and read by him at two separate Meetings previous to

the Meeting for election, and shall be elected by a two-thirds vote of such Meeting.

9.—Honorary Members shall be entitled to all the privileges of the Society but shall be exempt from all duties or payment of contributions.

III.—*Corresponding Members.*

8.—Corresponding Members shall be persons resident out of Toronto, who are desirous of contributing to the objects of the Society, and shall be elected in the same manner and enjoy the same privileges as Honorary Members.

SECTION III.

OFFICE BEARERS.

1.—The office bearers shall be elected by the majority present at the Annual General Meeting.

2.—Any office bearer absenting himself for three consecutive meetings, without a sufficient reason, shall vacate his office.

I.—*The President.*

3.—It shall be the duty of the President to preside over all meetings of the society at which he is present, and to preserve order, and the decision of the Chair on questions of order, shall be final.

II.—*Vice-Presidents.*

4.—There shall be two Vice-Presidents, first and

second, who in the absence of the President, shall preside in the order of office.

III.—*The Secretary.*

5.—The Secretary shall keep an accurate list of all the members and obtain their signatures to the laws, in a copy kept by himself, in which he shall also insert all alterations which may from time to time be made in the laws of the Society.

6.—He shall make minutes of the business of the Society in a separate book.

7.—He shall, at the Annual General Meeting, furnish to the Society a statement of the affairs, certified by the Committee of Management.

IV.—*The Treasurer.*

8.—The Treasurer shall collect the admission fees and other contributions, and shall be responsible for the same, when so collected.

9.—He shall keep regular accounts and minutes of all his transactions in reference to the affairs of the Society.

10.—He shall at the Annual General Meeting, furnish to the Society a statement of its financial affairs, certified by the Committee of Management.

11.—If one Member fill both the offices of Secretary and Treasurer, all the articles in this and the preceding sub-section shall apply to such member.

V.—The Editor.

12.—The Editor shall read at every fourth meeting, all papers contributed for insertion in the Magazine, and if approved of by the Society, shall stitch the same together and preserve them.

VI.—Committee of Management.

13.—The Committee of Management shall consist of five Members, (President and Secretary included,) of whom three shall form a quorum.

14.—They shall disburse the funds and make all necessary arrangements for the ordinary Annual or other Meetings, and generally manage the affairs of the Society.

SECTION IV.

MEETINGS.

1.—Meetings shall be Ordinary, Monthly, Annual or Special.

2.—All Meetings shall be opened and closed with Prayer.

I — Ordinary.

3.—The business of an Ordinary Meeting shall proceed in the following order :—

a.—Opening.

b.—Reading the Minutes of previous Meeting by the Secretary.

- c.—Notices of Motion.
- d.—Motions discussed.
- e.—Admission and introduction of New Members.
- f.—Proposal of New Members.
- g.—Reading of the Essay; remarks on its merits.
- h.—The Debate or Conversation for the Evening.
- i.—Announce Subject of Debate and Speakers, or Discussion for next Meeting.
- k.—Closing.

II.—*Monthly Meetings.*

4.—Every fourth Meeting shall be called *Monthly*, at which the order of business shall be the same as at an Ordinary Meeting, but the reading of articles intended for the Magazine shall be substituted for the Essay or debate.

5.—The last Monthly Meeting of the Session shall be a Social Meeting, when Addresses shall be delivered by Members and others chosen by the Committee of Management, but the preliminary business of Ordinary Meetings shall not be transacted.

III.—*Annual General Meeting.*

6.—At the Annual Meeting, Reports shall be laid on the table, office bearers elected, proposed changes in the Constitution considered, and any other special business of which notice shall have been given transacted.

SECTION V.

BY-LAWS.

1.—In the absence of the proper officer, another to discharge his duties *pro tem.* shall be elected.

2.—The following motions shall be in order at any time or at any meeting :—

a.—To adjourn the Meeting.

b.—To postpone the Debate or Discussion.

3.—Every motion, before being put to the vote, shall be handed to the Secretary in writing, with the names of the mover and seconder.

4.—In case of an equality of votes on any question before the Society, the Chairman, presiding, shall have the casting vote.

5.—No Essayist shall occupy more than twenty minutes in reading his Essay.

6.—No Debater shall speak longer than fifteen minutes, nor shall a reply occupy more than five minutes.

7.—No Member shall speak twice during the same debate, except the leader on the affirmative, who shall have liberty to reply, after the other Debaters have spoken.

8.—The question debated shall, after a summing up of the merits by the Chairman, be decided by the majority of the Members present.

9.—The Members shall be entitled to introduce

their friends to the meetings, but no stranger shall take part in the business of the Society unless requested by the Chairman to do so.

10.—The Managing Committee may be a Printing Committee when necessary.

11.—Members may be ejected by a two-third vote of any meeting, when their conduct is inconsistent with the Laws of the Society.

12.—All papers intended for insertion in the Magazine shall be written on paper of an uniform size to be named by the Editor.*

* The Editor has named small Post 4to as the proper size.

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